

INDOOR BOWLS NEWS

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MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO DECLINE

Around this time of the year I await the final totals of our affiliated membership. Once again we have recorded another decrease. There are many aspects that are outside of all of our control, however there are many aspects of membership decline that we can do something about. It is very important that this message is driven home to Club level because that is where it starts. By now you will all be thinking "we have heard this all before". I make no apology for this. If we

continue to lose members at the rate we are now the game will all but disappear in about 20 years. If not disappear, it will be a game for just an elite few. I am well aware that many people choose to play in Clubs that do not affiliate to the National body and to be honest this is not a major concern of mine. The concern I have is for one reason or another people choose not to play the game at all. My question is why and what are we doing about it. The National Executive has many different strategies in place and has some very clear plans over the next one to two years. The Minutes from our July Executive Meeting will give you an insight into what these plans are. So back to my current audience – The Clubs. Have you considered any of the following?

1. Why did some of your members not return this season? Has anyone thought to ask them?
2. Have you asked your current customers if they are happy with the product you are supplying them with. What do I mean by that? Is your Club programme pushing the on button for your members, or have you just amended the programme to suit the next years calendar?
3. When was the last time you had a bring a friend night.
4. Have you considered inviting some of the old members back to the Club.
5. Is the environment you offer pleasant. Is the hall warm all of those sorts of things?

The list could go on and on and so could I, however I have limited space. Indoor Bowls is a fantastic game that appeals to many people of all ages and ability. Take some time to have a look at what you have on offer – is it the right product to ensure on going success.

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VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR

Sport and Recreation NZ (Sparc) and Watties have launched the Volunteer Coach of the year awards to recognise the valuable role of NZ's volunteer sports coaches. People coaching at club or school level can be nominated. There will be 17 regional winners plus other awards and entries are open until August 26.

Entry forms are available at www.watties.co.nz.

NZ or contact this office.

50th ANNIVERSARIES COMING UP



Tauranga.

Te Puke Indoor Bowls Sub-Association also celebrates their 50th Jubilee on 25 September 2004. Former members wishing to attend please contact Jenny Beckham- Ph 07- 573 7645

Another 50th celebration is the Northland Indoor Bowls Centre on Saturday 2nd October. Former members of the Centre who wish to have more information contact either Sylvia Johnston at 09-434 0723 or Pat Severinsen at pladseve@abel.net.nz

NZ MIXED FOURS

Hawkes Bay's Rod Fleming, Sue Fleming, John Nesbit and Julia Boyd won this title in New Plymouth recently. It was Fleming's second mixed fours title his previous being in 1987. In a closely fought round robin HB were winners over Darryn Bell, John Frelan, Gayleen Bell and Julie Logan representing Waikato.

NZ ACADEMY/ NZ MAORI AND COOK ISLAND TEAMS

Nomination forms for these teams have been sent to all districts and closing date for nominations is 29 August. The teams will be announced at the conclusion of the Welch Trophy in Hamilton on 5 September. This year the event will be held 16 October commencing at 1pm at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club-get along to see some exciting indoor bowls.

NZ JUNIOR SINGLES EVENT

Thirty three talented young indoor bowlers have won their way through to play in the national final at the Upper Hutt Civic Centre on 21 August. Heading the list of contenders is the defending titleholder Johnathon Sobey (North Shore). Last year was his first appearance in the final. Another former champion is Kyle Hinton from Central Otago who won the event when he was 12 years old! Ashley Diamond was runner-up to Sobey last year and makes his fifth and final appearance at this under 18 event. This year he represents Southland instead of South Canterbury. Another experienced bowler present will be Anthony Mason who this year again represents Bush Ruahine in both this event and the Henselite Champion of Champions to be held in Ashburton on September 11.

MORE TELEVISION COVERAGE

An added buzz for the entrants of the NZ Junior Singles event will be the televising of the Final and some of the Northern v Southern Zone matches by Southland Channel 90. We are pleased to advise that the coverage of the National singles and pairs, which was shown on Channel 90 last month, has been on-sold to Sky. Indoor Bowls will be featuring on Sky Sport during September- watch your Skywatch for more details.

The Executive is very keen to get the game on television and are looking at ways to make it more appealing for viewers.



WELCH TROPHY

This is the major district event of the year to be held in Hamilton 3-5 September. Otago will be defending the title they won last year. Other districts competing, who have won their Paterson Trophy round robin competitions, are Auckland, Tauranga, Manawatu, Upper Hutt and Canterbury.

DO YOU WANT SOME COACHING?

There are Regional coaches available to assist- contact David Edgar on Ph/Fax 03-485 9199 if you wish to discuss.



NEW LAW BOOK ON THE WAY

A total of 62 submissions on the laws were received from 13 Districts and three individuals.

These are being reviewed and Notices of Motion in respect of the proposed amendments will be made to this year's Annual General Meeting in December. The new book will be available at the start of the 2005 season.

IS YOUR CLUB INSURED?

As you will see there is a brochure enclosed for Jardine Lloyd Thompson and we are happy to support this initiative. They offer very broad policy coverage at a very competitive cost – not only that but if you do have to make a claim the process will be much easier than with most other companies. Contact Simon Ross or Nicola Frayle on free phone 0800 111 644 if you wish to find out more details.

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